Amendment and Response

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For: NOVEL BETA-DEFENSINS

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. Claims 1-5, 21-24, 45, 46 and 50 are pending in the application. Claim 25 has been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims to cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants have canceled claim 25, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, are respectfully requested.

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Summary

It is noted that claims 1-5, 21-24, 45, 46 and 50 are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6540.

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